



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE SECTION

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION 15-01

ROOFING MATERIAL

CODE REFERENCE: Montgomery County Code Chapter 22. FIRE SAFETY CODE §22-98. Roof Materials.

BACKGROUND: The code prohibits a person, homeowners' association, building owner, lot owner, or shareholder from requiring the owner of any building to install any roof material that does not have a Class A fire rating or equivalent, as issued by a recognized independent testing organization. The term "roof material" is not defined by the section.

INTERPRETATION: The term "roof material" refers to the outermost layer of roof covering. Roof material does not include any supplemental roofing component that serves to augment the outermost roof covering by means of enhancing its intrinsic physical, chemical, or architectural properties. The fire resistance classification of any roof material is not increased by supplemental roofing components. Specifically excluded from the definition of roof material is any combination of materials and/or underlayment that reasonably could be construed as a "roof system," "roof assembly," or any other roofing variation that is not a single, stand-alone roof covering of either natural or synthetic origin.

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